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Lopez-Martinez, Murphy Named CNET Instructors of the Year 2000

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Utilitiesman 1st class (Seabee Combat Warfare-qualified) Lopez-Martinez, assigned to Naval Construction Training Center, Port Hueneme, Calif., was selected as the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) Enlisted Instructor of the Year. Lt. Michael W. Murphy, the nominee from Trident Training Facility (TRITRAFAC), Bangor, Wash., was selected as the CNET Officer Instructor of the Year.

"Petty Officer Lopez-Martinez and Lt. Murphy epitomize the dedication and professionalism of instructors throughout the Naval Education and Training Command (NAVEDTRACOM)," said Vice Adm. Al Harms, chief of Naval Education and Training, recently when he announced their selections of the Enlisted and Officer Instructors of the Year 2000.

CNET's Instructor of the Year program recognizes both an individual enlisted and officer who personify excellence and serve with dedication and professionalism as a Navy instructor. "We recognize the outstanding contributions of these individuals, it is fitting to reflect upon the critical importance of every one of our instructors," said Harms. "Their hard work and professionalism produce the best quality naval training in the world."

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Harms expressed gratitude to all nominees, "I sincerely thank all of you for your individual contributions which have continuously met the demanding and evolving needs of our fleet. I know you will continue providing our officers and Sailors the training required to maintain the fleet's outstanding readiness."

Lopez-Martinez and Murphy were chosen from among five officer and four enlisted finalists. The NAVEDTRACOM Instructor of the Year finalists are: Lt. Tracy G. DeWitt, Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla.; Fire Controlman 1st Class, (Surface Warfare-qualified), Donn A. Dietz, Service Schools Command Great Lakes, Ill.; Lt. Jason E. Doering, Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.; Gunnery Sgt. Jimmy W. Griffin, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Fla.; Lt. Robert H. Hyde, Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.; Lt. Joseph W. Newsome, Naval Education and Training Center Newport, Newport, R.I.; Fire Control Technician 1st Class, (Submarine Warfare-qualified), Timothy J. Threadgold, Trident Training Facility Bangor, Wash.

Both Lopez-Martinez and Murphy received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for their selection.

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